IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6. (Original): A method of producing an electrode for fuel cells, comprising the steps of:

establishing a water repellent finished state of an electrode structure which is electrically conductive, and gas permeable;

carrying a catalyst on the water repellent finished electrode structure; and applying ion exchange resin onto the catalyst carrying electrode structure.

Claim 7. (Original) A method as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the electrode structure is formed of electrically conductive fiber filaments having electrically conductive particles dispersed thereon.

Claim 8-9. (Cancelled)

Claim 10. (New) A method of producing an electrode for fuel cells, comprising the sequential steps of:

establishing a water repellent finished state of an electrode structure which is electrically conductive, and gas permeable;

carrying a catalyst on the water repellent finished electrode structure; and applying ion exchange resin onto the electrode structure.